

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of attaching an axle of a golf cart to a leaf spring of the golf cart, comprising the steps of:

inserting the axle through a support hole formed in a wall ~~aperture~~ of a mounting bracket;

aligning the leaf spring beneath the axle and above a bottom plate;

inserting ends of a U-bolt initially through a first set of apertures associated with the mounting bracket and subsequently through a second set of apertures of the bottom plate, the U-bolt encompassing the leaf spring and being inserted in a downward direction; and

securing the leaf spring between the axle and the bottom plate by securing a fastener at the bottom plate.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the mounting bracket includes a trough within which the first set of apertures are disposed.

4. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing a third set of apertures associated with the mounting bracket and a fourth set

of apertures associated with the bottom plate, wherein a second U-bolt simultaneously attaches the third set of apertures to the fourth set of apertures.

5. (Previously Cancelled)

6. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of providing mating washers and threaded nuts for securing the U-bolt at the bottom plate.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of attaching an axle of a golf cart, having a disc brake assembly disposed thereon, to a leaf spring of the golf cart, comprising the steps of;

inserting the axle through a support hole formed in a wall ~~aperture~~ of a mounting bracket, the mounting bracket forming a trough;

aligning the leaf spring beneath the mounting bracket and above a bottom plate;

inserting threaded ends of a U-bolt initially through first and second apertures formed in the trough of the mounting bracket and subsequently through corresponding third and fourth apertures of the bottom plate, the threaded ends of the U-bolt encompassing the leaf spring and being inserted in a downward direction generally away from an area blocked by the disc brake assembly; and

securing the leaf spring between the axle and the bottom plate by securing the threaded ends of the U-bolt at the bottom plate with mating washers and threaded nuts.

8. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of providing the mounting bracket with a fifth and seventh aperture and the bottom plate with a sixth and eighth aperture and further providing a second U-bolt for simultaneous attachment of the fifth and seventh apertures to the sixth and eighth apertures.

9. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of securing the second U-bolt to the bottom plate.

10. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of securing the second U-bolt with mating washers and threaded nuts.

11. (Withdrawn) A golf cart suspension, comprising:
an axle;
a leaf spring secured between the axle and a bottom plate;
a U-bolt secured to the bottom plate and having ends initially inserted through a first set of apertures associated with the axle and subsequently through a second set of apertures of the bottom plate, the U-bolt being inserted in a downward direction with said leaf spring located between said ends.

12. (Withdrawn) The golf cart suspension of claim 11, further comprising a mounting bracket attached to the axle and having the first set of apertures.

13. (Withdrawn) The golf cart suspension of claim 12, wherein the mounting bracket includes a trough within which the first set of apertures are disposed.

14. (Withdrawn) The golf cart suspension of claim 11, further comprising mating washers and threaded nuts for securing the U-bolt to the bottom plate.

15. (Withdrawn) The golf cart suspension of claim 11, further comprising brake calipers located above said axle.